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**FIRST LEAD BIG FOUR (450)**  
**BY ARTHUR GAVSHON**

**GENEVA, MAY 17 (AP)**--WESTERN DIPLOMATS SAID TONIGHT THEY MAY HAVE TO NEGOTIATE A SEPARATE STOPGAP BERLIN SETTLEMENT WITH RUSSIA AFTER FULL DEBATE OF RIVAL EAST-WEST GERMAN PEACE PLANS.

WORD OF THE NEW WESTERN POSITION CAME AFTER AN AMERICAN DELEGATION SPOKESMAN CALLED FOR THOROUGHGOING DISCUSSION IN THE BIG FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING OF THE WEST'S PACKAGE PLAN. THIS ENVISAGES A PHASED PROGRAM TOWARD SETTLEMENT OF THE FUTURE OF BERLIN AND GERMANY AND THE BUILDUP OF A EUROPEAN SECURITY SYSTEM.

U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE ANDREW H. BERDING TOLD NEWSMEN: "WE ARE GOING INTO THE NEXT FEW DAYS OF THE CONFERENCE WITH THE HOPE AND EXPECTATION OF GETTING INTO DETAILED DISCUSSION OF THE WESTERN PROPOSAL."

"WE ALSO TAKE IT FOR GRANTED THAT THE RUSSIANS WANT US TO DO THE SAME THING WITH THEIR DRAFT PEACE TREATY."

SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO OFFERED FRIDAY A FIVE-MONTH-OLD SOVIET DRAFT PEACE PACT AS THE BASIS OF HIS COUNTRY'S POLICY FOR A GERMAN SETTLEMENT. SOVIET PREMIER NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV HAS SNUBBED THE PACKAGE APPROACH, BUT SAID SOME PARTS--NOT SPECIFIED--OF THE PACKAGE ARE WORTH TALKING ABOUT.

AS THINGS STAND NOW THE WEST HAS ALLOWED FOR AN INTERIM STATUS TO BE NEGOTIATED FOR BERLIN--BUT ONLY AS PART OF A GENERAL PACKAGE SETTLEMENT OF THE OVER-ALL GERMAN AND EUROPEAN SECURITY PROBLEMS.

BUT AMERICAN AND BRITISH DIPLOMATS REPORTED PRIVATELY TONIGHT THAT THE WESTERN FOREIGN MINISTERS SEE NO CHANCE AT ALL OF ANY EARLY DEFINITE SETTLEMENT OF THE GERMAN PROBLEM ON THE BASIS EITHER OF THE WESTERN OR SOVIET PROPOSALS.

THEREFORE, THEY HAVE DECIDED TO INVOKE A DECISION SECRETLY REACHED, IN PARIS IN APRIL BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN, FRANCE AND WEST GERMANY, TO SEEK SOME SORT OF SEPARATE STOPGAP BERLIN SETTLEMENT WITH THE RUSSIANS.

ANY SUCH INTERIM ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE MADE TO HINGE ON THE ULTIMATE CONCLUSION OF A WIDER AGREEMENT REUNITING GERMANY. AND WITHIN THAT EVENTUAL UNIFICATION ACCORD BERLIN COULD BE RESTORED TO ITS PROPER PLACE AS THE CAPITAL CITY OF GERMANY.

THE POSITION REPORTED BY THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH DIPLOMATS DID NOT, HOWEVER, SQUARE COMPLETELY WITH THAT GIVEN BY HIGH FRENCH DIPLOMATIC SOURCES. THEY SAID FRANCE IS NOT CONTEMPLATING THE DISCUSSION OF A SEPARATE STOPGAP BERLIN SETTLEMENT.

THE FRENCH VIEW, AS REPORTED BY THESE SOURCES, IS THAT THE WEST SHOULD FIRST WAIT AND SEE HOW THE SOVIETS REACT AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE TO THE WHOLE WESTERN PACKAGE PLAN AND THEN GO ON FROM THERE.

THE FRENCH SOURCES PUT IT THIS WAY: "WE ARE NOT WILLING TO PULL BERLIN OUT OF THE PACKAGE. SURELY BERLIN, AS WELL AS OTHER PARTS OF THE PACKAGE, IS OPEN TO DISCUSSION, BUT ALWAYS WITHIN THE STRICT FRAMEWORK OF A PACKAGE SETTLEMENT."

THE FRENCH INFORMANTS WERE STILL HOPEFUL--AT LEAST PUBLICALLY--THAT THE RUSSIANS MIGHT BE WILLING TO MAKE IMPORTANT CONCESSIONS TO THE WEST BECAUSE OF THE SOVIET UNION'S DESIRE FOR A SUMMIT CONFERENCE.

THE BIG FOUR MINISTERS, FLANKED BY THEIR EAST AND WEST GERMAN ADVISERS, RESUME THEIR CONFERENCE TOMORROW, AFTER A WEEKEND BREAK, WITH GROMYKO IN THE CHAIR.

THE DECISION TO REVERT TO A FALLBACK POSITION WOULD CHANGE THE PUBLIC, RATHER THAN THE PRIVATE, POSTURE OF THE WEST. IT HAS LONG BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE WEST THAT A BERLIN STOPGAP SETTLEMENT WAS INEVITABLE BECAUSE TO SOME EXTENT BOTH EAST AND WEST WERE IN DANGER OF COMMITTING THEMSELVES TO IRRETRIEVABLE COURSES OF ACTION.

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AMERICAN OFFICIALS PRIVATELY CONCEDED A STOPGAP BERLIN SETTLEMENT WOULD REALLY SOLVE LITTLE, BECAUSE BERLIN'S FUTURE IS SO INEXTRICABLY LINKED WITH THAT OF DIVIDED GERMANY. BUT, THEY ADDED, SOME TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT MIGHT SERVE TO STAVE OFF A FURTHER DEEPENING OF THE EAST-WEST CRISIS, WHICH THE RUSSIANS PRECIPITATED LAST NOVEMBER WITH THEIR DEMANDS FOR WESTERN MILITARY EVACUATION OF BERLIN.

STARTING POINT FOR ANY EAST-WEST TALKS ON THE CITY AS A SEPARATE ISSUE REMAINS THE PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN THE PACKAGE PLAN. THIS CONTEMPLATED MERGING THE EASTERN AND WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN TO FORM A UNITED CITY GUARANTEED BY THE BIG FOUR, RUN BY A CITY COUNCIL WHICH WOULD BE SET UP THROUGH FREE ELECTIONS.

THE WEST IS AWAITING A SOVIET ASSAULT ON THE AMERICAN-BRITISH-FRENCH PACKAGE OF PROPOSALS FOR SETTLING THE FUTURE OF BERLIN AND GERMANY AND THE SHAPE OF A EUROPEAN SECURITY SYSTEM. THE LINE OF THE RUSSIAN ATTACK WAS DRAWN IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY BY PREMIER NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV WHO SIGNALLED A SOVIET BID TO BREAK UP THE PACKAGE.

AT THE SAME TIME A WESTERN COUNTERATTACK ON RUSSIA'S OWN PEACE PLAN FOR GERMANY IS BUILDING UP. SECRETARY OF STATE CHRISTIAN A. HERTER AND BRITISH AND FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTERS SELWYN LLOYD AND MAURICE COUVE DE MURVILLE ARE PREPARING A POINT-BY-POINT REJECTION OF THE SOVIET DRAFT PEACE TREATY FOR EAST AND WEST GERMANY.

BUT AS SOON AS THESE PUBLIC EXERCISES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, HERTER INTENDS TO LEAD A WESTERN INITIATIVE FOR SECRET TALKS--INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE PALACE OF NATIONS CONFERENCE ROOM--WITH SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO. THE SPECIFIC PROBLEM OF BERLIN--WHOSE FOUR-POWER STATUS HAS BEEN DENOUNCED BY THE RUSSIANS--IS ALMOST SURE TO BE THE FIRST ITEM OF SECRET DISCUSSION.

IT IS ASSUMED BY WESTERN AUTHORITIES THEIR PROPOSAL FOR UNITING GERMANY THROUGH FREE ELECTIONS STANDS LITTLE HOPE OF SOVIET ACCEPTANCE. EQUALLY, RUSSIA'S PLAN FOR A DEMILITARIZED, FREE CITY IN WEST BERLIN IS FOREDOOMED TO REJECTION.

NEVERTHELESS, THE WEST WOULD BE READY TO NEGOTIATE SOME SORT OF ARRANGEMENT THAT WOULD GET BOTH EAST AND WEST OFF THE HOOK OVER A POWDER-KEG SITUATION THAT COULD LEAD TO SHOOTING. SUCH A STOPGAP COULD BECOME THE FIRST DEFINITE STEP TOWARD INSURING A SUMMIT MEETING, WHERE A LONGER-TERM SOLUTION COULD BE EXAMINED.

THE WESTERN FALLBACK POSITION ON BERLIN STILL NEEDS FINALLY TO BE AGREED UPON, INFORMANTS REPORTED. FRANCE, BACKED BY WEST GERMANY, STILL IS HOLDING OUT AGAINST A BRITISH-AMERICAN PROPOSAL TO OFFER THE UNITED NATIONS A SUPERVISORY ROLE IN THE CITY ITSELF AND ALONG THE ACCESS ROUTES WHERE, IT ASSUMES, EAST GERMAN OFFICIALS ULTIMATELY WILL TAKE OVER CONTROL POWERS FROM THE RUSSIANS.

A WEEKEND RESPITE IN THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVEN-DAY-OLD CONFERENCE PRODUCED THESE FURTHER RELATED DEVELOPMENTS:

1. AFTER CONSULTING WITH PRIME MINISTER HAROLD MACMILLAN IN LONDON, LLOYD HAS DECIDED TO GIVE UP, FOR THE TIME BEING, BRITAIN'S ROLE OF WOULD-BE CONCILIATOR BETWEEN THE WEST AND THE U.S.S.R. LLOYD IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE ADVISED LONDON HE IS UNDER SUSPICION, AT LEAST BY THE FRENCH AND WEST GERMANS, FOR SEEMING OVER-READY TO CONCILIATE THE RUSSIANS. HE HAS ACCORDINGLY, GIVEN UP ANY IDEA OF A BRITISH INITIATIVE IN THE CONFERENCE TO UNTIE THE WESTERN PACKAGE.

2. AN AUTHORITATIVE BRITISH SOURCE REPORTED, NEVERTHELESS, THAT THE CHANCE OF A SEPARATE STOPGAP BERLIN SETTLEMENT IS IMPLIED BY ITS POSITION IN THE WESTERN PACKAGE. IT FIGURES IN THE FIRST PHASE OF THE STEP-BY-STEP PROGRAM TOWARD GERMAN REUNION. ENVISAGES FREE



ELECTIONS FOR A UNITED CITY AND IS LINKED ONLY WITH A PROPOSED BIG FOUR DECLARATION OF PEACEFUL INTENT AND NON-AGGRESSION.

3. HERTER, LLOYD AND GROMYKO--REPRESENTING THE NUCLEAR THREE--WILL MEET MONDAY OR TUESDAY TO PRESS AHEAD WITH NEW STEPS TOWARD AN AGREEMENT THAT WOULD END MOST KINDS OF NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS. THE TERMS OF NOTES EXCHANGED BETWEEN PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AND MACMILLAN ON THE ONE SIDE AND KHRUSHCHEV ON THE OTHER SIDE WERE DISCLOSED AND SUGGESTED A NARROWING OF DIFFERENCES.

4. HERTER, LLOYD, COUVE DE MURVILLE AND WEST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER HEINRICH VON BRENTANO FIXED A PRECONFERENCE MEETING FOR TOMORROW TO MAP NEW TACTICAL MOVES IN THE COMING WEEK'S ENCOUNTERS WITH GROMYKO.

5. THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION APPEARS FINALLY TO HAVE RECONCILED ITSELF TO THE PROSPECT OF RECEIVING KHRUSHCHEV ON UNITED STATES TERRITORY IN LATE JULY, OR EARLY AUGUST, AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE PROJECTED EAST-WEST SUMMIT CONFERENCE. AMERICAN DELEGATION SPOKESMAN ANDREW BERDING TOLD NEWSMEN THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT OBJECT, IF THE OTHER POWERS WANT TO STAGE THE SUMMIT PARLEY IN ITS TERRITORY. KHRUSHCHEV AND MACMILLAN ARE BELIEVED TO FAVOR SAN FRANCISCO, WITH FRENCH PRESIDENT CHARLES DE GAULLE STILL PREFERRING GENEVA.

6. HERTER YESTERDAY MADE A ONE-DAY VISIT TO ROME WHERE HE CONFERRED WITH ITALIAN PREMIER ANTONIO SEGNI AND FOREIGN MINISTER GIUSEPPE PELLA. STILL WITH GRIPPE IN HIS SYSTEM, COUVE DE MURVILLE SLIPPED BACK TO PARIS TO REPORT TO DE GAULLE. LLOYD RELAXED AT WHAT AIDES CALLED A "WORKING PICNIC." GROMYKO AND HIS WIFE TOOK TIME OUT TO DRIVE THROUGH THE SWISS COUNTRYSIDE.

SOME STICKY PROCEDURAL POINTS, BEARING IMPORTANT POLITICAL OVERTONES, REMAINED LIKELY TO SNARL THE WORK OF THE BIG FOUR MINISTERS HERE. GROMYKO INTENDS PRESSING ANEW FOR POLISH AND CZECH PARTICIPATION IN THESE AND IN ANY SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS ON GERMANY'S FUTURE AND THE SHAPE OF A EUROPEAN SECURITY SYSTEM.

THE WEST WANTS TO CONFINE THE TALKS TO AS FEW POWERS AS POSSIBLE AND FEELS THAT ONCE A NATION IS IN IT CANNOT EASILY BE EDGED OUT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. BUT IF THE ALLIES HAVE TO GIVE IN THEY WILL DEMAND THE ADMISSION OF ITALY AND ANOTHER AS YET UNDISCLOSED WESTERN POWER.

THERE IS MEANTIME, NO DOUBT AT ALL THAT THE RIVAL WESTERN AND SOVIET PLANS FOR A GERMAN SETTLEMENT CANCEL EACH OTHER OUT, LEAVING NO APPARENT BASIS FOR EARLY AGREEMENT.

THE WESTERN STARTINGPOINT CONTEMPLATES ACTION TO REUNITE THE COUNTRY. A PHASED PROGRAM ALLOWS FOR THE BUILDUP OF A PAN-EUROPEAN SECURITY SYSTEM. THE LAST ACT IN THE PROCESS WOULD BE AN ALL-GERMAN PEACE TREATY, WITH REUNITED GERMANY FREE TO JOIN NATO, THE WARSAW PACT OR STAY NEUTRAL.

RUSSIA'S STARTING POINT ENVISAGES A PEACE TREATY NOW WITH THE EAST GERMAN AND WEST GERMAN REGIMES. THE TWO GERMANY'S WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REUNITING THEIR OWN COUNTRY WITHIN A CONFEDERATION AND THE BIG FOUR WOULD JOIN TO GUARANTEE ITS AUSTRIA-TYPE NEUTRALITY. THUS FAR AFTER A WEEK OF MANEUVERING ONE DEVELOPMENT OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE HAS EMERGED FROM THE CONFERENCE: GROMYKO'S STRATEGIC VICTORY IN WINNING A SEAT AND A LIMITED VOICE FOR THE EAST GERMAN REDS IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM. THAT GAVE THE RED REGIME EQUAL CONFERENCE STATUS WITH WEST GERMANY. THE EAST GERMAN DELEGATE DRINKS HIS COCKTAILS IN THE SAME LOUNGE AS HERTER, LLOYD AND COUVE DE MURVILLE.

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BY TOM OCHILTREE

GENEVA, MAY 17 (AP)--THE HEAD OF THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE NUCLEAR TEST BAN CONFERENCE HERE MADE A QUALIFIED PREDICTION TODAY THAT THE AMERICAN-BRITISH-SOVIET TALKS ULTIMATELY WILL PRODUCE A TREATY. STRESSING THAT BASIC EAST-WEST DIFFERENCES ON CONTROLS REMAIN, AMBASSADOR JAMES J. WADSWORTH TOLD NEWSMEN:

"I HONESTLY THINK IF BOTH SIDES THINK ABOUT THESE PROBLEMS ENOUGH WE CAN GET A TREATY. WE WON'T SIGN ONE THAT IS NOT EFFECTIVE. GIVEN TIME, PATIENCE AND GOOD FAITH WE CAN COME OUT OF THESE TALKS WITH A TREATY THAT WILL BE EFFECTIVE."

THE NUCLEAR TALKS BEGAN LAST OCTOBER. THEY ARE IN RECESS WHILE THE BIG FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE IS BEING HELD. AGREEMENT STILL IS SOUGHT ON FIVE BASIC DRAFT TREATY ARTICLES AND THREE OR FOUR ANNEXES.

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE ATOMIC POWERS--AMERICA'S CHRISTIAN A. HERTER, BRITAIN'S SELWYN LLOYD AND RUSSIA'S ANDREI GROMYKO--ARE EXPECTED TO MEET PRIVATELY TOMORROW OR TUESDAY TO CONSIDER HOW THEY CAN HELP NUCLEAR NEGOTIATIONS ALONG.

THIS WOULD BE THE SECOND MEETING OF THE THREE ON NUCLEAR MATTERS. THEY MET PRIVATELY LAST WEEK.

WESTERN SOURCES FELT SOVIET PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV'S LATEST MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AND PRIME MINISTER MACMILLAN APPEARED TO KEEP OPEN NEGOTIATING AVENUES IN THE GENEVA TALKS.

KHRUSHCHEV ADVANCED ONE NEW PROPOSAL. HE SUGGESTED THAT IF AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON A LIMITED NUMBER OF ON-SITE INSPECTIONS OF SUSPECTED NUCLEAR DISTURBANCES, THE NUMBER SO DECIDED UPON COULD BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW EVERY TWO YEARS.

THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN ARE STUDYING THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS. THE TWO WESTERN POWERS HAVE MADE IT PLAIN THEY WANT MORE DETAILS BEFORE THEY WILL BUY THE IDEA.

U.S. AND BRITISH NEGOTIATORS SUSPECT THE SOVIET UNION IS TRYING TO ACHIEVE A POLITICAL DECISION ON THE NUMBER WITHOUT REFERENCE TO SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION OR ACTUAL CONTROL NEEDS.

NEITHER SIDE HAS SAID HOW MANY INSPECTIONS WOULD BE NECESSARY TO DETER CHEATING ON A TEST BAN.

THE ARGUMENT OVER INSPECTIONS IS ONE OF SEVERAL MAJOR DIFFERENCES. THE OTHERS ARE:

1--THE MANNING PATTERN FOR THE MOBILE INSPECTION TEAMS AND THE PROPOSED 180 CONTROL POSTS. THE RUSSIANS WANT THESE STAFFED LARGELY ON A NATIONAL BASIS WHILE THE WEST INSISTS THE PERSONNEL MUST BE PREDOMINANTLY INTERNATIONAL.

2--VOTING PROCEDURE IN THE PLANNED SEVEN-NATION CONTROL COMMISSION. SOVIET DEMANDS FOR SWEEPING VETO RIGHTS WOULD, IN THE WESTERN VIEW, NULLIFY DAY-TO-DAY POLICING OF A TEST BAN.

TWO UNRESOLVED SCIENTIFIC PROBLEMS HAVE SLOWED THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE. THESE HAVE TO DO WITH DETECTION OF UNDERGROUND AND OUTER SPACE EXPLOSIONS.

KHRUSHCHEV EXPRESSED THE SOVIET UNION'S WILLINGNESS TO ENGAGE IN NEW SCIENTIFIC STUDIES OF THE HIGH ALTITUDE BLAST PROBLEM. BUT HE DID NOT ACCEPT THE WESTERN REQUEST FOR CAREFUL THREE-POWER ANALYSIS OF THE UNDERGROUND PROBLEM.

THE WESTERN POWERS INSIST BOTH PROBLEMS MUST BE SOLVED.

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PUBLICITY BUDGET (500)

BY EDDY GILMORE

GENEVA, MAY 17 (AP)--IT'S HARD TO SAY WHAT COUNTRY IS MAKING THE BEST PUBLICITY AT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE, BUT THE RUSSIANS ARE MAKING THE MOST OF IT.

TWICE THEY'VE TAKEN ONE OF THEIR CHIEF DELEGATES--DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER VALERIN ZORIN--TO THE PRESS CENTER TO ANSWER REPORTERS' QUESTIONS. HE HARDLY GAVE AWAY ANY KREMLIN SECRETS, BUT HE WAS USEFUL AND QUOTABLE AND ATTRACTED A CAPACITY CROWD OF PHOTOGRAPHERS AND NEWSMEN.

NOW THE RUSSIANS ARE DROPPING HINTS THAT FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO WANTS TO COME DOWN TO THE PRESS CENTER. GROMYKO HAS BEEN THE PERSONIFICATION OF PRESS CHARM HERE.

FOR INSTANCE: LAST MONDAY WHEN IT APPEARED THERE MIGHT NOT BE A



CONFERENCE, IT WAS GROMYKO WHO STAGED AN IMPROMPTU NEWS CONFERENCE ON THE SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY SELWYN LLOYD'S TOWN HOUSE.

CORRESPONDENTS LEARNED FROM HIM THAT THE PROBLEMS OF WEST AND EAST GERMAN REPRESENTATION AT THE CONFERENCE HAD BEEN SOLVED AND THAT THE CONFERENCE TABLE WOULD BE ROUND.

ONE OF THE MYSTERIES OF INTERNATIONAL GATHERINGS IS WHY THE PUBLICITY IS GENERALLY SO BAD WHEN IT'S SO VERY EASY TO BE GOOD. THE CONFERENCE'S OFFICIAL PUBLICITY COMES FROM SPOKESMEN OF THE BIG FOUR DELEGATIONS. BY AGREEMENT, THEY APPEAR AT THE PRESS CENTER 30 MINUTES AFTER THE CLOSING OF EACH SESSION. IN SEPARATE HALLS THEY SIMULTANEOUSLY GIVE THE JOURNALISTS THEIR ACCOUNTS OF WHAT WENT ON AT THE SESSION.

ALL THESE BRIEFING OFFICERS HAVE BEEN PRESENT AT THE SESSION AND ALL OF THEM ARE EFFICIENT AND HELPFUL IN TRYING TO GIVE A FULL AND ACCURATE PICTURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS. QUITE NATURALLY THEY EMPHASIZE THEIR INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY'S POINT OF VIEW.

THE BRIEFING OFFICERS ARE:  
UNITED STATES--ANDREW H. BERDING, A FORMER NEWSPAPERMAN, BORN IN CINCINNATI IN 1902, GRADUATED FROM YAVIER. HE WAS A RHODES SCHOLAR AND HOLDS A MASTERS DEGREE FROM OXFORD. DURING WORLD WAR II HE WAS IN THE ARMY AS A LIEUTENANT COLONEL. AFTER THE WAR HE SERVED WITH THE ECONOMIC COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION IN ITALY. FROM 1941 TO 1952 HE WAS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF DEFENSE MOBILIZATION. IN 1953 HE BECAME ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF POLICY AND PROGRAMS, U.S. INFORMATION SERVICE. IN 1957 HE BECAME ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS. BERDING IS TALL, ALMOST GANGLING, MODEST, INFORMATIVE. SCHOLARLY, KIND AND FRIENDLY.

FRANCE--PIERRE BARADUC, 53, DAPPER, POLISHED--AN ALMOST SHINY PICTURE OF THE CULTIVATED FRENCHMAN. EXTREMELY ABLE, HE IS A GRADUATE OF THE SCHOOL OF POLITICAL SCIENCES IN FRANCE. HE ENTERED DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN 1931. AFTER SERVING IN THE ARMY FROM 1939 TO 1940, HE WAS A SECRETARY IN FRANCE'S EMBASSY IN LISBON. THE VICHY GOVERNMENT DISMISSED HIM IN 1943. AFTER THE WAR HE WAS A SPECIALIST ON ECONOMY IN PARIS AND LATER DEPUTY PERMANENT DELEGATE TO NATO. HIS JOB IS CHIEF OF THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER'S PRESS OFFICE.

BRITAIN--PETER HOPE, 47, TALL, BESPECTACLED AND FULLY INFORMED. HE IS HEAD OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE'S NEWS DEPARTMENT AND OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN FOR THE FOREIGN OFFICE. HOPE WAS IN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DURING THE WAR. A GRADUATE OF CAMBRIDGE, HE HAS SERVED IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE'S UNITED NATIONS DEPARTMENT AND AT BRITAIN'S EMBASSY IN BONN. HE SPEAKS FRENCH AND GERMAN ALMOST AS FLUENTLY AS ENGLISH.

SOVIET UNION--MIKHAIL A. KHARLAMOV, 46, EDUCATED AT MOSCOW UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE SPECIALIZED IN HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY. IN WORLD WAR II HE WAS A POLITICAL OFFICER IN THE ARMY AND WAS WOUNDED IN THE LEG BY A GERMAN BULLET. HE DESCRIBES HIMSELF--VERY UNWILLINGLY--AS A WRITER AND PROPAGANDIST. KHARLAMOV HAS A PROFESSORIAL MANNER AT A NEWS CONFERENCE AND A MANNER THAT BORDERS ON LECTURING. AT BRIEFINGS HE IS ASSISTED BY FOUR AND SOMETIMES SIX AIDES.

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WITH GENEVA (160)

LONDON, MAY 17 (AP)--THE SOVIET PRESS SAID TODAY WESTERN POLICY AT THE BIG FOUR GENEVA CONFERENCE IS LACKING IN NEW IDEAS AND UNLIKELY TO LEAD TO A SUMMIT PARLEY.

"THEY SUGGEST DISCUSSING EUROPEAN SECURITY, DISARMAMENT, THE UNION OF THE TWO GERMAN STATES, A PEACE TREATY WITH GERMANY AND BERLIN," SAID PRAVDA, QUOTED BY MOSCOW RADIO.

"MOST OF THESE ISSUES HAVE BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION FOR YEARS WITHOUT ANY RESULTS AND THEY SUDDENLY SUGGEST SOLVING THEM ALL WITH ONE WAVE OF THE HAND," THE COMMUNIST PARTY ORGAN DECLARED.

"WHO CAN BELIEVE IN SUCH A MIRACLE?" IT DEMANDED.

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"THE WESTERN PLAN IS AMAZING IN THE ABSENCE OF NEW IDEAS WHICH WOULD CORRESPOND TO THE DEMANDS OF MODERN TIME."

IZVESTIA, NEWSPAPER OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, WROTE:

"IT IS TIME TO NEGOTIATE. EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON THE WESTERN FOREIGN MINISTERS, ON WHETHER COMMON SENSE WILL PREVAIL, OR WHETHER THEY WILL STICK TO THE HARDENED AND ARTIFICIALLY FROZEN PLAN WHICH CANNOT LEAD TO SUCCESS OR PAVE THE WAY TO A SUMMIT CONFERENCE."

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WITH GENEVA

BY SEYMOUR TOPPING

BERLIN, MAY 17 (AP)--WALTER ULBRICHT, EAST GERMANY'S PARTY CHIEF, TODAY EXTENDED AN OFFICIAL INVITATION TO SECRETARY OF STATE CHRISTIAN A. HERTER TO PAY A VISIT.

ALLIED OFFICIALS SAID HERTER CERTAINLY WOULD SPURN THE INVITATION SINCE THE UNITED STATES IS AVOIDING ANY ACT THAT WOULD IMPLY RECOGNITION OF THE COMMUNIST REGIME.

U.S. DELEGATION SOURCES IN GENEVA DECLINED COMMENT. SOME U.S. SOURCES SAID HERTER WOULD IGNORE THE INVITATION.

ULBRICHT PUT FORWARD HIS SURPRISE INVITATION AS THE EAST GERMAN PROPAGANDA MACHINE STEPPED UP ITS CAMPAIGN TO WIN RECOGNITION FOR THE COMMUNIST REGIME THROUGHOUT THE NON-COMMUNIST WORLD.

ADDRESSING 50,000 EAST GERMAN YOUNGSTERS ATTENDING A COMMUNIST RALLY IN THE BALTIC SEAPORT OF ROSTOCK, ULBRICHT ASKED HERTER TO COME TO EAST GERMANY TO CONVINCE HIMSELF THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS CARRYING OUT THE POTSDAM AGREEMENT.

THE 1945 POTSDAM ACCORD, SIGNED BY PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN, SOVIET PREMIER JOSEF STALIN AND BRITISH PRIME MINISTER CLEMENT ATTLEE, PLEDGED TO RESTORE A DEMOCRATIC, UNITED GERMANY.

ULBRICHT, WHO ALSO SERVES AS DEPUTY PREMIER, SAID HE WAS ISSUING HIS INVITATION TO HERTER IN THE NAME OF HIS GOVERNMENT.

ULBRICHT'S SPEECH WAS REPORTED BY THE EAST GERMAN RADIO.

"IF THE UNITED STATES FAVORS THE RELAXATION OF TENSION," HE SAID, "THEN I MUST ASK MR. HERTER IF IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR HIM TO FIND OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING OUTSIDE OF WEST GERMANY."

"IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES COME ONCE ALSO TO THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC."

ULBRICHT WITH APPARENT SARCASM ASSURED HERTER AND BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY SELWYN LLOYD THAT THEY WOULD ENCOUNTER NO DIFFICULTIES AT THE BORDER IF EITHER CHOSE TO VISIT EAST GERMANY.

ALLIED OFFICIALS SAID ULBRICHT'S INVITATION TO HERTER COULD NOT BE CONSTRUCTED AS ANYTHING BUT A PROPAGANDA MOVE. THEY SAID THIS WAS BORNE OUT BY THE FACT THAT ULBRICHT USED THE PLATFORM OF A COMMUNIST PARTY RALLY TO ISSUE HIS BID.

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WITH BIG FOUR

GENEVA, MAY 17 (AP)--FRANCE HAS FIRMLY TURNED THUMBS DOWN ON SAN FRANCISCO AS A SITE FOR A POSSIBLE EAST-WEST SUMMIT CONFERENCE, HIGH FRENCH DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID TONIGHT. THEY ADDED THAT FRANCE IS HOLDING OUT FOR GENEVA AS THE PLACE FOR SUCH A MEETING.

SAN FRANCISCO RECENTLY HAD BEEN REPORTED GAINING FAVOR AS A SUMMIT SITE SHOULD A MEETING OF HEADS OF STATE DEVELOP FROM THE PRESENT BIG FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE. BUT THE FIRM FRENCH STAND APPEARS TO HAVE PUT A DAMPER ON THE IDE.

FRENCH PRESIDENT DE GAULLE IS SAID TO FEEL THAT A SUMMIT CONFERENCE SHOULD BE HELD ON NEUTRAL GROUND AND THAT PROBLEMS OF EUROPE SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED IN A FAR-OFF AMERICAN CITY.

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VIENNA, AUSTRIA, MAY 17 (AP)—A TELEGRAM CALLING ON THE BIG FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS TO HELP REFUGEES IN EUROPE RETURN TO THEIR HOMELANDS WAS SENT TO GENEVA TODAY BY A MASS MEETING OF 300,000 GERMAN-SPEAKING REFUGEES FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

AT A MASS RALLY, THE SUBETEN GERMANS APPLAUDED WHEN SPEAKERS CALLED FOR THE "INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION" TO BE APPLIED IN THEIR BID TO RETURN HOME TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE THREE-DAY MEETING IN VIENNA IS BEING STAGED DESPITE STRONG PROTESTS FROM THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT, WHICH CHARGED THE REFUGEES IT EXPELLED IN 1945 AND 1946 ARE "REVISIONISTS AND REVENGISTS."

AMONG THE SPEAKERS WAS CHANCELLOR JULIUS RAAB, WHO SAID AUSTRIA WELCOMES THE SUBETEN GERMANS, THOUSANDS OF WHOM ARE LIVING IN THIS COUNTRY AND HAVE OBTAINED CITIZENSHIP.

THE MAIN SUBETEN GERMAN SPOKESMAN, DR. RUDOLF LOBGMAN SUGGESTED "NEUTRALIZATION" OF AREAS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA FORMERLY INHABITED BY THE SUBETEN GERMANS, SO THAT THEY MIGHT RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND. HE ADDED THAT SUCH A PROGRAM MIGHT BE CARRIED OUT BY THE BIG FOUR OR WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A UNITED STATES OF EUROPE.

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A86 (310)

LONDON, MAY 17 (AP)—SOVIET SECRET POLICE OFFICIALS ENDED A CONFERENCE IN MOSCOW TODAY WITH A PROMISE OF "STRENUOUS COUNTERBLOWS" AGAINST ENEMY AGENTS OPERATING INSIDE THE COMMUNIST BLOC.

RADIO MOSCOW SAID THE CONFERENCE, DEBATING FUTURE SECURITY TASKS, PLEDGED LOYALTY TO PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV IN A SPECIAL MESSAGE SAYING: "THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE HOSTILE ACTIVITY OF BERIA (EXECUTED SOVIET SECURITY CHIEF LAVRENTY P. BERIA) AND HIS UNDERLINGS IN THE STATE SECURITY BODIES HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED. SOCIALIST LEGALITY HAS BEEN FULLY RESTORED."

THE MESSAGE WAS SENT TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY. IT DECLARED:

"THE AGGRESSIVE IMPERIALIST STATES HAVE RAISED SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY AGAINST THE U.S.S.R. AND THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE SOCIALIST CAMP TO A LEVEL OF STATE POLICY. THE ENEMY IS ACTIVE AND SEEKS TO MAKE USE OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY AGAINST US."

"IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES WE ARE IN DUTY BOUND TO OPPOSE THE ACTIVE MEASURES OF THE ENEMIES WITH STRENUOUS COUNTERBLOWS AND TO DIRECT OUR BLOWS PRIMARILY AGAINST THE AGENTS SENT INTO THE U.S.S.R. AND THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE SOCIALIST CAMP BY ENEMY INTELLIGENCE AGENTS."

ALEXANDER SHELEPIN, WHO BECAME CHAIRMAN OF THE SOVIET STATE SECURITY COMMITTEE LAST YEAR DELIVERED THE MAIN REPORT TO THE CONFERENCE, THE BROADCAST REPORTED. IT SAID OTHERS ATTENDING INCLUDED ALEXEI KIRICHENKO, PRESIDUM MEMBER AND SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY; MARSHAL RODION MALINOVSKY, DEFENSE MINISTER; ALEXANDER GORKIN, PRESIDENT OF THE SOVIET SUPREME COURT, AND INTERIOR MINISTER NIKOLAI DUDOROV.

AFTER THANKING KHRUSHCHEV FOR HIS "CONSTANT CARE," THE SECURITY CHIEFS RECALLED IN THEIR MESSAGE THAT THE RECENT COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS PREDICTED A "DECLINE IN THE FUNCTION OF PUNISHMENT" IN THE SOVIET UNION.

"BUT WE SOVIET SECURITY WORKERS," THE MESSAGE SAID, "REALIZE WELL THAT A DECLINE IN THE FUNCTION OF PUNISHMENT WITHIN THE COUNTRY DOES NOT IN ANY WAY SIGNIFY LESS WORK FOR US OR A WEAKENING IN THE ACTIVITIES OF OUR ENEMIES."

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BERLIN, MAY 17 (AP)—ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS IN COMMUNIST EAST GERMANY TODAY WARNED THE REGIME AGAINST TRYING TO STAMP OUT THE CHURCH.

IN DECLARATIONS FROM THEIR PULPITS, THE BISHOPS ASSERTED AN ANTI-CHURCH POLICY WOULD RESULT IN THE GOVERNMENT "UNDERMINING ITS OWN FOUNDATIONS."

THEIR WARNING WAS DISCLOSED BY CHURCH HEADQUARTERS IN WEST BERLIN. OFFICIALS RELEASED THE TEXT OF A SERMON GIVEN IN EAST BERLIN BY THE BISHOP OF BERLIN, JULIUS CARDINAL DOEPFNER.

THE CHURCH SAID OTHER BISHOPS MADE SIMILAR STATEMENTS.

"NO MATTER WHAT THE PRICE MAY BE," CARDINAL DOEPFNER DECLARED, "WE WILL NOT BETRAY OUR RELIGION OR OUR CONSCIENCE."

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FREIBURG, GERMANY, MAY 17 (AP)—COL. GEN. KURT STUDENT, WHO HEADED GERMANY'S PARATROOPERS IN WORLD WAR II, TOLD A PARATROOPER REUNION TODAY THAT THE RENOWN OF THE GERMAN SOLDIER IS ONCE AGAIN A FACTOR IN WORLD POLITICS.

HE SPOKE AT THE SIXTH NATIONAL MEETING OF THE GERMAN PARACHUTISTS' ASSN., ATTENDED BY ABOUT 3,000 VETERANS. HE IS PRESIDENT OF THE GROUP.

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MILAN, ITALY, MAY 17 (AP)—BRITAIN'S FORMER LABORITE PRIME MINISTER, EARL ATTLEE, SAID LAST NIGHT THE WORLD MUST FEDERATE TO HAVE PERMANENT PEACE. HE CALLED FOR COMPLETE DISARMAMENT OF ALL NATIONS AND WORLD-WIDE RENUNCIATION OF WAR.

ATTLEE ADDRESSED THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE ASSN. OF PARLIAMENTARIANS



FOR WORLD GOVERNMENT, HERE FOR A THREE-DAY CONFERENCE.  
"ALL NATIONS IN THE WORLD MUST TRY TO CREATE A WORLD CONSTITUTION  
AND A WORLD SYSTEM OF LAW," HE SAID.

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BUDAPEST, MAY 17 (AP)-JANOS KADAR, HUNGARY'S COMMUNIST PARTY CHIEF, SAID TODAY 2,000 PRISONERS BENEFITED FROM THE NATIONAL DAY AMNESTY PROCLAIMED APRIL 2.

THE FIGURE WAS GIVEN IN A SPEECH WELCOMING HOME A HUNGARIAN DELEGATION FROM A TOUR OF RED CHINA. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME ANY OFFICIAL HAD GIVEN A COUNT OF THE PERSONS WHOSE PRISON SENTENCES WERE CUT OR WHO WERE FREED UNDER THE SIX-WEEK-OLD AMNESTY.

KADAR, WHO CAME TO POWER WITH SOVIET BACKING WHEN THE 1956 REVOLT WAS CRUSHED, CLAIMED THE NUMBER OF HUNGARIANS OPPOSED TO HIS REGIME "IS VERY SMALL AND STEADILY GROWING SMALLER."

HE SAID THE STRENGTH OF THE REGIME MADE THE AMNESTY POSSIBLE. THE AMNESTY WAS THE FIRST GRANTED SINCE THE 1956 REVOLT AND APPLIED ONLY TO RELATIVELY MINOR OFFENDERS SERVING TERMS OF TWO TO FOUR YEARS.

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TEHRAN, IRAN, MAY 17 (AP)-SECURITY AUTHORITIES SAID TODAY TWO MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN TEHRAN WERE ARRESTED WHILE DISTRIBUTING ANTI-IRANIAN PROPAGANDA FROM A JEEP IN THE STREETS OF THE CAPITAL. THE AUTHORITIES SAID THE JEEP WAS AN EMBASSY VEHICLE AND THE STAFF MEMBERS WERE NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL. THEIR NAMES WERE NOT DISCLOSED.

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TAIPEI, MAY 17 (AP)-CHINESE NATIONALISTS AND COMMUNISTS FOUGHT A 90-MINUTE ARTILLERY DUEL AT THE NORTHERN END OF FORMOSA STRAIT TODAY AFTER COMMUNIST GUNNERS UNLEASHED THEIR HEAVIEST ATTACK YET ON THE MATSU ISLANDS.

THE NATIONALIST DEFENSE MINISTRY CLAIMED COMMUNIST GUNS ON THE MAINLAND COAST WERE SILENCED BY EFFECTIVE COUNTERFIRE. BY NATIONALIST GUNS, THE REDS FIRED 444 SHELLS, OF WHICH 162 HIT MATSU ISLAND, 112 PEIKANTANG ISLAND AND 170 LANDED IN THE SEA.

A COMMUNIQUE SAID A NATIONALIST OFFICER AND TWO SOLDIERS WERE KILLED IN THE BOMBARDMENT AND AN OFFICER, THREE SOLDIERS AND FOUR CIVILIANS WOUNDED. MATSU WAS LAST SHELLLED--BY SIX ROUNDS--ON APRIL 28, 1957.

THE ARTILLERY BATTLE WAS PRECEDED AN HOUR EARLIER BY NAVAL ACTION IN WHICH NATIONALIST WARSHIPS FIRED ON 10 SURFACE TARGETS SIGHTED WEST OF MATSU. THE DEFENSE MINISTRY SAID, ADDING THAT THE COMMUNIST VESSELS SHOT FIRST AND FLED WHEN FIRED UPON.

IN ADDITION, THE COMMUNISTS THREW 84 ARTILLERY SHELLS AT THE QUEMOY ISLANDS.

IN THE VIEW OF SOME NATIONALIST QUARTERS HERE THESE ACTIONS COULD MARK THE BEGINNING OF A NEW COMMUNIST ATTEMPT TO CREATE A CRISIS IN FORMOSA STRAIT.

MATSU, WHICH IS LESS THAN 4 SQUARE MILES IN AREA, IS SITUATED 9 1/2 MILES FROM THE MAINLAND. PEIKANTANG, WITH AN AREA OF 2 1/2 SQUARE MILES, IS 7 MILES FROM THE MAINLAND.

REAR ADM. LIU HOK-TU, CHIEF SPOKESMAN OF THE DEFENSE MINISTRY, REFUSED TO SAY WHETHER HE CONSIDERED THE ATTACK A CURTAIN-RAISER TO MAJOR ACTION.

"BUT WE DO KNOW," HE DECLARED, "THAT THE COMMUNISTS HAVE BROUGHT UP BETTER AND BIGGER CALIBER GUNS IN POSITION OPPOSITE BOTH QUEMOY AND MATSU."

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SOME NATIONALIST QUARTERS HAVE SAID IN RECENT WEEKS THAT THE PURPOSE OF A NEW RED-CREATED CRISIS WOULD BE AN ATTEMPT TO SHOW THE WEST THERE MIGHT BE BIG TROUBLE IN THE FORMOSA STRAIT UNLESS CONCESSIONS ARE MADE TO THE SOVIETS ON BERLIN AND GERMANY.

BUT FOREIGN OBSERVERS HERE HAVE BEEN INCLINED TO THINK NATIONALIST CHINESE REPORTS OF A FORTHCOMING CRISIS ARE EXAGGERATED. THEY NOTE THE REDS HAVE MADE THREATS OFF AND ON SINCE 1949 TO LIBERATE FORMOSA AND SPORADIC OUTBURSTS OF HEAVY SHELLING ARE NOT NECESSARILY INDICATIVE OF A NEW CRISIS.

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TAIPEI, MAY 17 (AP)-THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE KUOMINTANG, PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S PARTY, SAID TODAY THE RED CHINESE REGIME IS ON THE ROAD TO COLLAPSE AND VOTED TO PROMOTE A MAINLAND REVOLUTION.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT A POLICY-MAKING SESSION GAVE NO CLUES OF STEPS PLANNED. THESE CONCEIVABLY WOULD INCLUDE SENDING MORE UNDERGROUND AGENTS TO THE MAINLAND.

THE RESOLUTION IS IN LINE WITH NATIONALIST THINKING THAT THE DOWNFALL OF THE PEIPING REGIME IS INEVITABLE.

THE KUOMINTANG GAVE AS EVIDENCE OF GROWING MAINLAND TROUBLE THE TIBETAN REVOLT, FAILURE OF THE RED CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE NATIONALIST OFFSHORE ISLANDS, A PURGE OF RIGHTISTS, AND PEASANT DISSATISFACTION WITH THE COMMUNE SYSTEM OF REGIMENTED LIFE IN RED CHINA.

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TOKYO, MAY 17 (AP)-A MOSCOW BROADCAST TODAY WARNED JAPAN AGAINST TAKING A ROAD THAT MIGHT ENGULF THE NATION IN A GREATER CATASTROPHE THAN THE ATOMIC BOMBING OF WORLD WAR II.

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER IZVESTIA ASSERTED THAT "APPARENTLY THERE ARE PEOPLE IN JAPAN WHO STILL HOPE THAT WITH U.S. ASSISTANCE THEY WILL SUCCEED IN REALIZING AGGRESSIVE PLANS WHICH FAILED SO SHAMEFULLY IN 1945."

THE BROADCAST SAID "IZVESTIA BELIEVES THERE IS NO GUARANTEE" THAT PRIME MINISTER NOBUSUKE KISHI'S CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT "WILL NOT LEAD JAPAN TO A CATASTROPHE MUCH GREATER THAN THAT WHICH BEFELL IT 14 YEARS AGO."

THE BROADCAST WAS PART OF THE ALMOST DAILY SOVIET ATTACK ON THE U.S.-JAPANESE MUTUAL SECURITY PACT NOW UP FOR REVISION. JAPAN THIS WEEK REJECTED A SOVIET NOTE OF LAST MONTH WARNING JAPAN TO ADOPT A POLICY OF NEUTRALITY.

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ADVANCE FOR MONDAY AMS MAY 18

INTERPRETING THE NEWS (500)

BY JIM BECKER

(ADVANCE) MANILA, MAY 17 (AP)-THE UNITED STATES AND THE PHILIPPINES ARE CLOSE TO AGREEMENT ON A NEW PACT COVERING AMERICAN BASES HERE-- BUT THE LAST GAP IN THE HARDEST.

THE MAIN REMAINING QUESTION IS WHICH NATION WILL GET THE RIGHT TO TRY AMERICAN SERVICEMEN ACCUSED OF CRIMES. THIS ISSUE HAS CROPPED UP IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER IN NEARLY EVERY ONE OF THE 30 NATIONS WHERE THE UNITED STATES MAINTAINS BASES.

IN INFORMAL TALKS LASTING SEVERAL MONTHS, U.S. AMBASSADOR CHARLES E. BOHLEN AND THE PHILIPPINE FOREIGN SECRETARY, FELIXBERTO SERRANO, HAVE NARROWED--BUT NOT CLOSED--THE GAP DIVIDING THE TWO COUNTRIES.

ON THE SIDELINES OF THE TALKS IS A VOCAL GROUP THAT WANTS THE AMERICAN BASES OUT OF THE PHILIPPINE ENTIRELY.



THE UNITED STATES MAINTAINS TWO NAVY BASES AND GIANT CLARK AIR FORCE BASE HERE, 600 MILES FROM RED CHINA. THEY ARE HERE UNDER AN AGREEMENT SIGNED IN 1947, WHEN THE PHILIPPINES WAS ONLY A YEAR OLD AS A NATION.

MEN SUCH AS THE PHILIPPINES AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON, CARLOS P. ROMULO, BELIEVE THE FAILURE TO WRITE A NEW BASES AGREEMENT IS A KEY POINT BEHIND CURRENTLY STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO TRADITIONAL ALLIES.

AMERICAN OFFICIALS AGREE. THEY FEEL THAT IF THE BOHLEN-SERRANO TALKS BREAK DOWN THE BASES QUESTION WILL BE A RUNNING SORE AFFECTING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS.

COMPLICATED MANEUVERING HAS ACCOMPANIED THE SECRET TALKS. SEVERAL FACTS ARE KNOWN. AT THE START SERRANO PUT FORWARD A POSITION PREVIOUSLY REJECTED BY THE AMERICANS. WASHINGTON WAS WILLING TO TAKE IT WITH A FEW CHANGES.

THEN THE PHILIPPINES SENATE STEPPED IN. A RESOLUTION WAS INTRODUCED CALLING FOR A STRONGER STAND. IT WAS NEVER PASSED, BUT SERRANO SEEMED TO FEEL THE TEMPER OF THE SENATE--WHICH MUST RATIFY ANY NEW TREATY--MEANT HE COULD NOT ACCEPT CHANGES IN HIS FORMULA.

THE ISSUES STILL DIVIDING THE TWO NATIONS ARE TECHNICAL, BUT EMOTION-CHARGED.

LAST WEEK THE MANILA CHRONICLE RAN AN EXTREMELY UNFLATTERING EDITORIAL CARTOON ON BOHLEN AND FOLLOWED IT UP TWO DAYS LATER WITH ONE SHOWING HIM AS POISED WITH A HUGE ROCK HOPING TO WRECK THE TALKS, AN EDITORIAL SAID:

"LET THE TALKS COLLAPSE, WE SAY, AND LET US FALL BACK ON THE INFAMOUS BASES AGREEMENT OF 1947. BUT LET US DO OUR UTMOST TO EXPOSE THE ESSENTIAL HYPOCRISY OF AMERICAN POLICY IN THE PHILIPPINES, TELL THE WHOLE WORLD THAT THE BASIC DESIGN OF THE UNITED STATES HERE AS REVEALED IN THE ACTIONS OF AMBASSADOR BOHLEN IS TO USE HER BASES TO PERPETUATE HER SUZERAINTY OVER THE COUNTRY.

"FINALLY, LET OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED DECLARE THAT AMERICAN BASES IN OUR MIDST HAVE BECOME A THREAT TO OUR SOVEREIGNTY AND SECURITY."

THE CHRONICLE IS THE ONLY LEADING PHILIPPINE NEWSPAPER TAKING SUCH A STAND. SEN. CLARO M. RECTO, WHO HAS SIMILAR SENTIMENTS, IS A BELIEVER IN A MORE NEUTRALIST POLICY FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

AMERICAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS APPARENTLY FEEL THE FACTION REPRESENTED BY RECTO DESIRES THE TALKS TO FAIL--THAT WHENEVER THE TALKS COME CLOSE TO AGREEMENT, THIS FACTION UNLEASHES ATTACKS AGAINST BOTH SERRANO AND BOHLEN.

BOHLEN SAYS THAT BECAUSE OF AN AGREEMENT TO CONDUCT HIS TALKS IN SECRECY HE HAS NO COMMENT ON ANY EDITORIAL MENTION OF HIS ROLE.

THE VETERAN NEGOTIATOR, A FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE SOVIET UNION, EXPECTS TO RETURN TO THE CONFERENCE ROOM THIS WEEK. HE APPEARS NEITHER OPTIMISTIC NOR PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE OUTCOME, ALTHOUGH HE IS EXTREMELY ANXIOUS FOR A SETTLEMENT.

END ADVANCE FOR MONDAY AMS MAY 13--MOVED MAY 16.  
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ROGERS-COMMUNISTS (270)

WASHINGTON, MAY 17 (AP)--ATTY. GEN. WILLIAM P. ROGERS SAID TODAY "THE SOVIETS ARE INTENSIFYING THEIR ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES."

"THEY ARE INTERESTED IN ALL TYPES OF INTELLIGENCE, ESPECIALLY MILITARY, ATOMIC, MISSILE AND RELATED DATA," ROGERS SAID, QUOTING FROM A REPORT TO HIM BY FBI DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER.

ROGERS SAID HOOVER'S REPORT, SUBMITTED A FEW DAYS AGO, ALSO STATED THAT A REVITALIZATION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY'S INTERNAL STRUCTURE NOW IS UNDER WAY.

HE QUOTED HOOVER AS SAYING FURTHER:

"LEADERS COMPLETELY LOYAL TO THE KREMLIN ARE IN CONTROL. THE RESULT

IS A RENEWED PARTY ACTIVITY AIMED AT STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNIST APPARATUS.

"AT PRESENT, A RECRUITING PROGRAM IS IN PROGRESS. NEW OFFICERS ARE BEING ELECTED IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY UNITS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THE YOUTH ORGANIZATION IS BEING VITALIZED, SCHOOLS ARE BEING HELD TO TRAIN PARTY LEADERS, AND EFFORTS ARE UNDERWAY TO INCREASE OVERALL PARTY WORK."

ROGERS, INTERVIEWED BY SEN. KENNETH B. KEATING (R-NY) ON A TV PROGRAM RECORDED FOR NEW YORK STATIONS, SAID HOOVER'S REPORT MADE CLEAR THAT "THE PROBLEM IS A SERIOUS ONE THAT WE HAVE TO BE CONSTANTLY ALERT ABOUT."

ON OTHER SUBJECTS, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID:

1. THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HOPES TO SUBMIT LEGISLATION IN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE WEEKS AIMED AT BREAKING UP ORGANIZED CRIME SYNDICATES.

2. HE BELIEVES THE ANTITRUST LAWS CAN BE USED EFFECTIVELY AGAINST LABOR RACKETEERS "COERCING BUSINESS INTO FIXING PRICES AND ALLOCATING TERRITORIES AND SO FORTH."

3. HE FAVORS STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF THE WORLD COURT BY HAVING THIS COUNTRY AND OTHER NATIONS PLEDGE IN ADVANCE TO GIVE IT JURISDICTION OVER THE INTERPRETATION OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS.

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ADVANCE FOR 5:30 P.M. EST MONDAY

VIET NAM-KOREA AID

(ADVANCE) WASHINGTON, MAY 17 (AP)--FOREIGN AID OFFICIALS SAY THEY ARE TIGHTENING THEIR RULES SO THAT AID MONEY WON'T BE TIED UP FOR PROJECTS ABROAD LONG BEFORE THEY ARE READY.

THE PROCEDURES, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, WERE DESCRIBED IN A LETTER TO THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, WHICH ORDERED AN AUDITOR'S STUDY OF SEVEN PROJECTS IN KOREA AND NINE IN VIET NAM, COSTING IN ALL MORE THAN 100 MILLION DOLLARS.

THE REPORT ON THIS STUDY WAS MADE PUBLIC TODAY ALONG WITH THE REPLY OF L. J. SACCIO, ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION.

THE AUDITORS' REPORT SAID THAT IN MOST OF THE PROJECTS SURVEYED, ICA "APPARENTLY TIED UP FUNDS ON THE BASIS OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FOREIGN GOVERNMENT THAT A PARTICULAR UNDERTAKING WAS A GOOD IDEA BUT ON WHICH THE PLANNING AND CERTAIN OTHER PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS HAD NOT YET ADVANCED TO THE POINT WHERE PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION WAS POSSIBLE." THE DELAYS OFTEN RAN TWO OR THREE YEARS, THE REPORT SAID.

SACCIO TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT UNDER THE NEW REGULATIONS, FUNDS WILL NOT BE OBLIGATED UNTIL PLANNING AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE RECIPIENT GOVERNMENT ARE COMPLETE AND DOCUMENTS FOR ACTUALLY CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT ARE READY TO SIGN.

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(500) ADVANCE FOR 5:30 P.M. EST, SUNDAY MAY 17  
VOICE OF AMERICA

(ADVANCE) WASHINGTON, MAY 17 (AP)--PLANS FOR A NEW STRING OF VOICE OF AMERICA BROADCASTING STATIONS AROUND THE WORLD--AND SOME FOREIGN RELUCTANCE TO PERMIT THEIR LOCATION--WERE DISCLOSED TODAY.

THE FIVE-YEAR, 40-MILLION-DOLLAR VOICE OF AMERICA EXPANSION PROGRAM WAS OUTLINED IN TRANSCRIPTS OF APRIL CLOSED HEARINGS MADE PUBLIC BY THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE HEADED BY REP. JOHN J. ROONEY (D-NY).

SIX HIGHPOWER TRANSMITTING BASES IN EUROPE, WESTERN AFRICA, THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND THE FAR PACIFIC WOULD BE ADDED TO THE EIGHT U.S. SITES ALREADY ESTABLISHED ABROAD, PROVIDED THE FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS GIVE PERMISSION AND CONGRESS VOTES THE MONEY.

THEY WOULD BE THE VOICE OF AMERICA'S ANSWER TO NEW FINDINGS THAT ITS SIGNALS REACH ONLY FEEBLY INTO MUCH OF EURASIA AND AFRICA, AND THAT COMMUNIST JAMMING AND BROADCASTS HAVE INCREASED MORE THAN 30 PER CENT IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS.



THE VOICE'S DIRECTOR, HENRY LOOMIS, TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT THIS COUNTRY'S COMPETITIVE POSITION IN THE RADIO WORD WAR HAS STEADILY WORSENERD. HE SAID RED BROADCASTS ROSE FROM 1,600 TO 2,500 HOURS A WEEK OVER THE FIVE YEARS WHILE "THE VOICE HAS REMAINED STATIC AT 600 HOURS PER WEEK."

LOOMIS AND GEORGE V. ALLEN, HEAD OF THE U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY WHICH RUNS THE VOICE, TOLD HOW NEGOTIATIONS FOR TWO STATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAVE BOGGED DOWN. THE FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS IN THAT POLITICALLY EXPLOSIVE AREA ARE CHARY OF ALLOWING U.S. PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS TO EMANATE FROM THEIR SOIL.

ALLEN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT AGREEMENTS ON ONE OF THESE--PROJECT DELTA, A MEDIUM WAVE (STANDARD BROADCAST BAND) STATION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN--WOULD SOON BE REACHED.

CONGRESS HAS ALREADY APPROVED SOME FUNDS FOR DELTA, ALLEN ASKED FOR A MILLION DOLLARS NEXT FISCAL YEAR WHICH BEGINS JULY 1, TO GET STARTED ON UP TO THREE OF THESE FURTHER RADIO BASES, WITH ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO BE SOUGHT LATER IF AND WHEN THE NEGOTIATIONS COME THROUGH:

1. PROJECT GAMMA, BASED IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, FOR SHORT WAVE BROADCASTS TO EASTERN EUROPE, CENTRAL RUSSIA AND CENTRAL AND SOUTH ASIA, AND FOR MEDIUM WAVE BROADCASTS TO CENTRAL EUROPE AND SOUTH CENTRAL RUSSIA.

2. PROJECT BAMBOO, BASED IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC, FOR SHORT WAVE TO COMMUNIST CHINA, SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIA AND PART OF SIBERIA.

3. PROJECT LARRY, BASED IN WESTERN AFRICA, FOR SHORT WAVE TO AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST.

4. PROJECT NORTH, BASED IN NORTHWESTERN EUROPE, SHORT WAVE TO CENTRAL EUROPE AND EUROPEAN RUSSIA.

5. PROJECT EPSILON, BASED IN WESTERN EUROPE, FOR SHORT WAVE TO THE SAME AREAS AS PROJECT NORTH PLUS THE MIDDLE EAST.

THE EXACT LOCATIONS OF THE PROPOSED SITES WERE KEPT SECRET. THE VOICE NOW RELAYS WASHINGTON-ORIGINATED PROGRAMS THROUGH STATIONS IN ENGLAND, GERMANY, MOROCCO, GREECE, CEYLON, THE PHILIPPINES AND OKINAWA.

LAND-BASED PROJECT DELTA WOULD SUPERCEDE THE RADIO BROADCASTS FROM THE U.S. COAST GUARD CUTTER COURIER, WHICH IS ANCHORED OFF THE ISLAND OF RHODES AND HAS NEVER BEEN AN EFFICIENT TRANSMITTING STATION.

USIA'S OVERSEAS PROJECTS ARE IN ADDITION TO A 27-MILLION-DOLLAR STATION NOW BEING BUILT AT GREENVILLE, N.C.

ROONEY AND USIA WITNESSES AGREED ONCE AGAIN THAT WRUL, A PRIVATELY-OWNED STATION IN BOSTON, DOESN'T HAVE MUCH OF AN AUDIENCE FOR ITS USIA-SPONSORED BROADCASTS TO LATIN AMERICA. THE HOUSE COMMITTEE HAS CUT OUT FUNDS FOR THIS PROJECT IN PAST YEARS BUT THE SENATE HAS INSISTED ON KEEPING IT. NEXT YEAR'S USIA BUDGET FIGURE FOR WRUL IS \$350,000.

END ADVANCE FOR USE AT 3:30 P.M. EST SUNDAY MAY 17

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AP FOREIGN SERVICE ADVANCE FOR MONDAY AMS MAY 18

(ADVANCE) UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., MAY 17 (AP)-SECRETARY GENERAL DAG HAMMARSKJOLD ESTIMATES MORE THAN TWO MILLION REFUGEES FROM WORLD WAR II STILL NEED AID FROM THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE ESTIMATE WAS CONTAINED IN A MESSAGE CALLING ATTENTION TO WORLD REFUGEE YEAR, WHICH BEGINS JUNE 1.

THUS FAR 30 NATIONS HAVE SAID THEY WILL PARTICIPATE IN WORLD REFUGEE YEAR, PROCLAIMED BY THE LAST U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY. NO COMMUNIST NATIONS ARE AMONG THEM. THE SOVIET BLOC OPPOSED THE PLAN.

HAMMARSKJOLD ESTIMATED 40 MILLION MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN HAVE BECOME REFUGEES SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR II. HE SAID PERHAPS 15 MILLION STILL WERE IN THAT CLASSIFICATION, AND OF THESE MORE THAN TWO MILLION NEED SOME FORM OF U.N. ASSISTANCE.

AMONG THE MORE PRESSING REFUGEE PROBLEMS:

1. THE ELIMINATION OF THE OLD REFUGEE CAMPS IN EUROPE, STILL HOME

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FOR 32,000 PERSONS. ABOUT 3 1/2 MILLION DOLLARS IS NEEDED TO FIND JOBS AND HOMES FOR 19,000 AND TO ENABLE 13,000 OTHERS TO EMIGRATE TO COUNTRIES OF THEIR CHOICE.

2. ABOUT 4 1/2 MILLION DOLLARS IS NEEDED TO TAKE CARE OF TRANSPORTATION, CARE, MAINTENANCE AND SETTLEMENT OF 10,000 EUROPEAN REFUGEES IN HONG KONG. ADDITIONAL MONEYY IS NEEDED FOR SERVICES, ESPECIALLY MEDICAL AND SOCIAL, FOR ONE MILLION CHINESE REFUGEES THERE.

3. NEW REFUGEES WHO HAVE ARRIVED IN NORTHERN GREECE REQUIRE AID COSTING \$240,000.

4. AN EMERGENCY FUND OF \$2,440,000 IS NEEDED TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTARY FOOD FOR 180,000 REFUGEES IN TUNISIA AND MOROCCO.

5. AN ADDITIONAL THREE TO FOUR MILLION DOLLARS IS NEEDED TO PROVIDE EXPANSION OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND FOR INDIVIDUAL GRANTS FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES WHO WANT TO BECOME SELF-SUPPORTING. THE FATE OF THE ONE MILLION PALESTINE REFUGEES REMAINS AN UNSOLVED POLITICAL PROBLEM.

GOVERNMENTS INDICATING PARTICIPATION THUS FAR ARE:

ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BRAZIL, CANADA, CHINA, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, DENMARK, WEST GERMANY, FRANCE, GREECE, GUATEMALA, THE HOLY SEE, IRAN, ISRAEL, ITALY, LUXEMBOURG, MALAYA, MONACO, MOROCCO, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, TURKEY, BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

END ADVANCE FOR AMS OF MONDAY MAY 18 MOVED MAY 16.

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ADVANCE FOR 3:30 P.M. EST TODAY

(ADVANCE) NEW YORK, MAY 17 (AP)-ASSOCIATE JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS OF THE U.S. SUPREME COURT TODAY URGED LAWYERS TO LAUNCH A MASSIVE PROGRAM OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TO RE-EMPHASIZE "THAT IN AMERICA A MAY MAY BE CONDEMNED ONLY FOR WHAT HE DOES, NOT FOR WHAT HE THINKS OR BELIEVES."

IN AN ANSWER TO CRITICS OF RECENT SUPREME COURT DECISIONS HE SAID THE BAR SHOULD OFFER LECTURES AND CLASSES ON THE "TRUE AMERICANISM OF OUR CONSTITUTION AND BILL OF RIGHTS."

THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM, HE SAID, SHOULD BE EXTENDED "TO EVERY PUBLIC FORUM, EVERY CLASSROOM."

HIS VIEWS APPEARED IN AN ARTICLE HE WROTE FOR THE COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW WHICH WAS PUBLISHED TODAY. THE ARTICLE WAS ENTITLED "ON MISCONCEPTION OF THE JUDICIAL FUNCTION AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BAR."

HE DIRECTED HIS REMARKS PARTICULARLY TO THOSE WHO "CONCLUDE THAT ANYONE WHO INSISTS THAT FAIR TRIALS BE GIVEN THOSE WHO ARE CHARGED WITH SUBVERSION IS AIDING COMMUNISM."

THE HIGH COURT HAS BEEN CRITICIZED BY BAR GROUPS AND OTHERS FOR DECISIONS IN CASES AFFECTING ALLEGED SUBVERSIVES.

"OFTEN THERE ARE SEGMENTS OF SOCIETY WHICH WANT COURTS TO BE AGENCIES OF RETRIBUTION, NOT DISPENSERS OF JUSTICE," DOUGLAS WROTE. "IT IS AGAINST THESE GROUPS THAT THE BAR MUST BE OPPOSED."

"ANY AMERICAN COURT," HE CONTINUED, "IS SUPPOSED TO BE PRO-FIRST AMENDMENT, PRO-FOURTH AMENDMENT, PRO-FIFTH AMENDMENT, PRO-FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT, AND SO ON, FOR IT IS THE CONSTITUTION THE JUDGES ARE SWORN TO DEFEND."

THAT THE LAW APPLIES EQUALLY TO ALL IS ELEMENTARY, HE SAID, "BUT AFTER READING SOME COMMENTATORS WHO PROCLAIM THAT AT LEAST IN SECURITY CASES THE COURTS SHOULD USE AN ABBREVIATED FORM OF DUE PROCESS OF LAW, I WONDER WHETHER THE HYSTERIA OF A FEW HAS NOT MADE NEW DEMANDS UPON US."



"ONE SOMETIMES NEEDS TO GO ABROAD TO GET PERSPECTIVE OF HIS OWN COUNTRY," SAID DOUGLAS. "THE AMERICAN REPUTATION FOR INTOLERANCE HAS GROWN ALARMINGLY IN RECENT YEARS. THE ATTITUDES THAT REACH THE FOREIGN PRESS ARE NOT SO MUCH THE QUIET WORK OF COURTS IN SEEING THAT EVEN THE DESPISED PERSON GETS A FAIR TRIAL, AS THE PRONOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICIALS AND OTHER GROUPS CONDEMNING PEOPLE NOT FOR THEIR DEEDS BUT FOR THEIR IDEAS."

"THE WITCH HUNT, IN ADDITION TO PUTTING MUCH PRESSURE ON AGENCIES OF GOVERNMENT TO LOWER THE STANDARDS OF LAW ADMINISTRATION AT HOME, HAS DONE US INCALCULABLE DAMAGE ABROAD."

IN CONCLUSION, HE SAID:

"WE SHOULD KNOW THAT TOTAL SECURITY IS POSSIBLE ONLY IN A TOTALITARIAN REGIME. THEN ALL CLASSROOMS CAN BE PATROLLED, ALL PROFESSORS TESTED FOR ORTHODOXY, THE PRESS CENSORED, AND RADIO AND TELEVISION SCRIPTS CENSORED SO THERE WILL BE NO IDEOLOGICAL STRAYS."

"SUCH A SYSTEM WOULD GIVE US 'SECURITY' IN THE COMMUNIST SENSE OF THE TERM. BUT WE WILL HAVE LOST THAT PASSION FOR FREEDOM WHICH HAS MADE AMERICA THE INSPIRATION OF OPPRESSED PEOPLE THE WORLD OVER."

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(380) ADVANCE FOR USE AT 4 P.M. EST, SUNDAY, MAY 17

(ADVANCE) JAMESTOWN, VA., MAY 17 (AP)--THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR, SIR HAROLD CACCIA, SAID TODAY "THE FUTURE OF OUR FREEDOM IS NOW THREATENED BY A RIVAL SYSTEM OF LAW AND GOVERNMENT"--THE COMMUNIST SYSTEM.

HE MADE THIS OBSERVATION IN A TALK PREPARED FOR CEREMONIES MARKING THE UNVEILING OF A PLAQUE IN JAMESTOWN CHURCH TO COMMEMORATE THE ADVENT OF THE COMMON LAW TO AMERICA AT THE SETTLEMENT OF JAMESTOWN IN 1607.

THE AMBASSADOR, IN REVIEWING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE ENGLISH COMMON LAW AND THE SOVIET SYSTEM, SAID:

"UNDER OUR SYSTEM, THE FIRST CONSIDERATION IS THE PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL. UNDER COMMUNISM, THE CLAIMS OF THE INDIVIDUAL ARE SECONDARY AND SUBORDINATE. IT IS THE DELIBERATE AIM OF THE COMMUNISTS TO ESTABLISH THE DICTATORSHIP OF A POLITICAL PARTY, AND ONCE THAT DICTATORSHIP HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO PRESERVE THE POLITICAL AND SOCIAL REGIME FOR WHICH IT STANDS."

"IT IS THEREFORE LOGICAL THAT UNDER SOVIET LAW A CRIME SHOULD BE DEFINED AS A 'SOCIALLY DANGEROUS ACT.'"

ANSWERING HIS OWN QUESTION--HOW DOES THIS WORK IN PRACTICE?--HE PRESENTED AS EXAMPLES:

"IN 1903 WHEN THE COMMUNIST PARTY WAS FIGHTING FOR POWER, LENIN WROTE: 'WE DEMAND IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL RECOGNITION OF FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY, FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AND AN AMNESTY FOR ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS AND DISSENTERS.'"

"IN CONTRAST TO THIS, IN 1938, WHEN THE COMMUNIST PARTY WAS FIRMLY ENTHRONED IN POWER IN THE U.S.S.R., THE REVISED SOVIET LEGAL CODE PRESCRIBED A PENALTY OF UP TO 10 YEARS FOR ANY PERSON 'CONDUCTING PROPAGANDA WITH THE AIM OF UNDERMINING OR WEAKENING SOVIET POWER...OR SPREADING SLANDEROUS FABRICATIONS VILIFYING THE SOVIET STATE AND SOCIAL SYSTEM AND, LIKEWISE, DISSEMINATING, PREPARING OR KEEPING FOR THIS PURPOSE LITERATURE OF SIMILAR CONTENT.'"

"SO MUCH FOR FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION. WHAT ABOUT FREEDOM OF THE PERSON? WE ALL MUST REMEMBER THE TREASON TRIALS OF THE 1930S. MANY OF THE OLD GUARD OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY WERE TRIED BY DUE PROCESS OF SOVIET LAW AND WERE CONDEMNED TO DEATH. WE WERE INVITED TO BELIEVE THAT THESE MEN, THE FOUNDING FATHERS OF THE COMMUNIST STATE, HAD BEEN WILLING TO CONSPIRE TOGETHER FOR ITS DISSOLUTION, THAT BEGGARED REASON."

"BUT IT DID NOT BEGGAR THE SOVIET LAW. THE POINT HERE IS THAT UNDER SOVIET LAW THE ELIMINATION OF SOCIALLY DANGEROUS ACTS CAN BE PRESENTED AS LEGAL AND JUSTIFIED. IT WAS SUFFICIENT TO SHOW THAT THE ATTITUDES AND OPINIONS OF THE CONDEMNED MEN WERE INCONVENIENT TO THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE DAY. UNDER SOVIET LAW NOTHING MORE WAS NECESSARY, AND THE PROCESS WAS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CODE."

"TRUE. SOME OF THESE CONDEMNED MEN HAVE SINCE BEEN REHABILITATED

BY MR. KHRUSHCHEV. BUT THIS IS SCANT COMFORT TO THEM, FOR THEY ARE DEAD."

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BY RALPH DIGHTON

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, CALIF., MAY 17 (AP)--A NEW LAUNCHING SYSTEM DESIGNED TO ENABLE MILITARY CREWS TO FIRE ATLAS MISSILES 15 MINUTES AFTER WARNING OF AN IMPENDING ATTACK IS BEING INSTALLED AT THIS WEST COAST MISSILE BASE.

THE AIR FORCE WOULD NOT SAY WHETHER IT WOULD BE READY IN TIME FOR THE FIRST OPERATIONAL FIRING OF AN ATLAS, EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE HERE LATE THIS MONTH OR EARLY IN JUNE.

RADIO CORP. OF AMERICA IS INSTALLING THE ELECTRONIC COUNTDOWN SYSTEM.

ARTHUR N. CURTISS, MANAGER OF RCA'S WEST COAST MISSILE DEPARTMENT, SAID THE SYSTEM IS A "GREAT ADVANCE" OVER THAT USED AT CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA.

ATLAS COUNTDOWNS AT THE CAPE, HE SAID, "IN SOME INSTANCES HAVE REQUIRED AS LONG AS 10 TO 15 HOURS."

THE RCA SYSTEM WILL BE INSTALLED AT SEVERAL LAUNCHING SITES IN THE UNITED STATES, CURTISS SAID, BUT DID NOT NAME THEM. HE ADDED THAT IT COULD BE ADAPTED FOR USE WITH OTHER TYPES OF MISSILES, INCLUDING THE INTERMEDIATE RANGE THOR, NOW AT LAUNCHING BASES IN ENGLAND.

CURTISS SAID THE SYSTEM USES A DIGITAL COMPUTER (ELECTRONIC BRAIN) TECHNIQUE TO DETERMINE QUICKLY WHETHER A MISSILE IS READY TO GO. IF ANY PART IS NOT FUNCTIONING PROPERLY, SIGNALS WARN THE LAUNCH CREW. FUELING GOES ON SIMULTANEOUSLY.

"THIS SORT OF THING HAS BEEN DONE VIRTUALLY BY HAND AT THE CAPE," CURTISS SAID. "AT VANDENBERG IT WILL BE DONE ELECTRONICALLY, IN FAR LESS TIME."

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LUANGPRABANG, LAOS, MAY 17 (AP)--LAOTIAN TROOPS HAVE SURROUNDED THE HARD CORE OF THE OLD COMMUNIST PATHET LAO ARMY AND TOLD IT TO SURRENDER OR FACE ANNIHILATION, MILITARY SOURCES SAID TODAY.

THE GOVERNMENT ORDERED A NATION WIDE ALERT OF POLICE AND ARMY DURING THE CRISIS.

THE COMMUNISTS, A BATTALION OF ABOUT 750 MEN, WERE SURROUNDED 12 1/2 MILES NORTH OF HERE. THE COMMUNISTS WERE GIVEN UNTIL TODAY TO SURRENDER, BUT IT WAS NOT KNOWN WHETHER FIGHTING HAD BROKEN OUT.

THE BATTALION FORMED THE BACKBONE OF THE COMMUNIST PATHET LAO ARMY THAT RULED THE TWO NORTHERNMOST PROVINCES OF THIS TINY JUNGLE KINGDOM UNTIL LAST YEAR.

AT THAT TIME, PATHET LAO AGREED TO INCORPORATE ITS TWO PROVINCES INTO THE LAOTIAN KINGDOM. THE BATTALION MOVED SOUTH TO SEXIENGNEUR NEAR LAUNGPRABANG TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ROYAL LAOTIAN ARMY.

THE TROUBLE BEGAN RECENTLY WHEN THE RED BATTALION INSISTED IT BE INCORPORATED AS A SINGLE UNIT LED BY ITS OWN COMMANDER, COL. SINGAPORE (CQ).

THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT REFUSED. IT WAS AFRAID THE BATTALION WOULD REMAIN UNDER COMMUNIST INFLUENCE. SINGAPORE WAS OFFERED A COMMISSION IN THE ROYAL ARMY BUT REFUSED IT, TO REMAIN WITH HIS MEN.

THEN THE ROYAL ARMY SAID IT HAD DISCOVERED THE BATTALION WAS PLOTTING TO SNEAK INTO THE JUNGLE AND CARRY ON GUERRILLA WARFARE. THE ARMY CUT OFF ALL FOOD SUPPLIES FRIDAY, SURROUNDED THE BATTALION AND DEMANDED ITS SURRENDER.



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ARMY SOURCES SAID THAT SINCE THE BATTALION WAS CUT OFF, MORE THAN 150 HAVE SURRENDERED.

IN THE LAOTIAN CAPITAL, VIENTIANE, THE HOUSE OF THE LEADER OF THE PATHET LAO, PRINCE SOUVANOUVONG, IS UNDER POLICE GUARD, A SPOKESMAN SAID. SO ARE THE HOUSES OF OTHER PATHET LAO LEADERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

AFTER THE ABSORPTION OF THE PATHET LAO PROVINCES INTO LAOS PROPER, THE PATHET LAO COMMUNISTS CHANGED THEIR NAME TO NEO LAO HAKSAT AND HAVE BEEN OPERATING OPENLY AS A POLITICAL PARTY. THEY WON A THIRD OF THE SEATS IN LAOS' NATIONAL ASSEMBLY LAST YEAR IN THE COUNTRY'S FIRST GENERAL ELECTION.

LAOS' PREMIER, PHOUI SANANIKONE, SUSPENDED THE ASSEMBLY LAST DECEMBER WHEN COMMUNIST SUBVERSION WAS FEARED. TROUBLE FROM THE BATTALION HAD BEEN EXPECTED SINCE.

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BAGHDAD, IRAQ, MAY 17 (AP)-BAGHDAD NEWSPAPERS REPORTED TODAY THAT KURDISH TRIBESMEN COMMANDED BY A SOVIET-TRAINED TRIBAL LEADER HAVE PUT DOWN ANTIGOVERNMENT DISTURBANCES IN NORTHEASTERN IRAQ.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE TROUBLE TWO WEEKS AGO WAS PUBLISHED BY THE KURDISH NEWSPAPER Khabat AND REPRINTED BY THE BAGHDAD NEWSPAPER AL AKHBAR. IT SAID THE PRO-GOVERNMENT FORCES WERE LED BY MUSTAFA BARZANI, 56, WHO SPENT 11 YEARS IN EXILE IN RUSSIA AND RETURNED TO IRAQ LAST OCTOBER. THE NEWSPAPER MADE NO MENTION OF CASUALTIES BUT SAID THE DISTURBANCES TOOK PLACE IN TOWNS NEAR THE BORDERS WITH TURKEY AND IRAN.

FOREIGN OBSERVERS HERE BELIEVE THE TROUBLES ARE A CONTINUANCE OF WARFARE AMONG KURDISH TRIBESMEN IN THE BORDER AREAS OF IRAN, IRAQ AND TURKEY THAT HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR YEARS. IT IS CONSIDERED LIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT SOME BORDER TRIBES HAVE TURNED AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF FAVORITISM SHOWN BY THE PRESENT REGIME TO THE BARZANI TRIBE.

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